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# DepEd declares public schools 'no-campaign' zones

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The Department of Education has declared public schools and high schools as "no-campaign zones."

It banned campaigning and playing campaign posters within school premises, including the school yards, for the duration of the election.

A department order to rule down any such campaign materials posted on school grounds.

In issuing Memo No. 327 dated March 3, the department director stressed that the order is "to ensure all schools and colleges are protected from political

activity" even in general elections.

The order, however, has no effect on "no-campaign zones."

Public school teachers are urged to go on paid duty once more during elections, according to the order.

Students/teachers previously display the sign, "Close School, Open Election."

The sign should say "Close school for the purpose of election campaign and election activities."

school to ensure all election materials posted

on school property. Under the order,

the highest school division and provinces

cannot campaign within school premises.

They also cannot use the school premises for election purposes.

political rallies.

The DepEd order also bans campaign materials, including campaign posters, inside school buildings, outside school

premises.

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## KOBE TO THE RESCUE

## Lakers zap Magic



MAGNABY (left) runs into the defense of Bryant.

**N**ASHVILLE—Kobe Bryant shook off a 3-point dagger to give the Lakers a 24-point lead in the fourth quarter, as the Los Angeles Lakers staged a dramatic rally to beat the Orlando Magic, 123-103, in overtime on Monday.

Shaq O'Neal had 27 points and 32 rebounds for the Lakers, but it was Bryant and Paul Pierce who led the Magic to victory.

The Magic started with a 10-0 halftime advantage and led by as many as 19 points in the third quarter, but the Lakers out-scored the Magic in the fourth quarter to take the lead.

Bryant had just one point in the first half but was clearly starting with the right at-

tribute. Bryant scored his 21st 3-point shot in the first half, but it was not a decisive shot for the Lakers as they led by 19 points in the third quarter.

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## Andre, Andy win, but Lleyton loses

INDIAN WELLS, California—Andy Roddick swept his opponent Andy Roddick, and won the doubles title with his partner Lleyton Hewitt. Roddick and Hewitt won the doubles title with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over the pair of Andre Agassi and Andre Agassi.

The 21-year-old Roddick won the title for the first time in his career, winning a 6-3, 6-1 victory over the pair of Andre Agassi and Andre Agassi.

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# Across the NATION

Assistant Editor: Tony Reyes

## 'Suitor' shoots teacher

**MANILA**—An alleged suitor (possibly) shot an elementary school teacher before fleeing his home in the heavily forested area of Baguio City.

The teacher, 35, and a grade six teacher, 30, were fighting for her life in the heavily forested area of Baguio City.

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## Anti-NPA mayor escapes ambush try in Sorsogon

By Ben Enesa Gueza, PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**CUTILLA, Sorsogon**—Mayor Romeo Limbaco, who has openly declared an alliance with the New People's Army, escaped an ambush attempt on Monday after he was fired at by armed men believed to be NPA members.

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## 2 rebels, soldier slain in clash in Bobol town

By Chris E. Parnell  
and Benjamin Hapellman  
The Virginia Post-News

**TAGBILARAN CITY**—Two communist rebels and a soldier were killed when government troops, clad with New People's Army (NPA) insignia on their uniforms, clashed on Sunday at a remote village in a mountainous town, Bobol.

Mr. Rod Madero, 32nd Infantry Brigade commander, identified the slain soldier as Sgt. Nicholas Madero of the Army's 28th Special Forces (SFP) Company in Zamboanga.

Madero, of Marikina, near Manila, was hit in the chest during the exchange of gunfire with the communist rebels at Bobol. Madero was taken to a nearby hospital in the town.

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One of the slain rebels was identified by his own identity tag as "NPA 100," and he was a member of the NPA's 1st, which operates in western and central Mindanao.

The body of the other rebel was recovered in Marikina. Madero was taken to a nearby hospital in the town.

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# NPA's release captured member of Cafgu; Army says it's a ploy

By Carla P. Green  
The Virginia Post-News

**BACOLOD CITY**—The New People's Army yesterday freed a soldier who, they claimed, was a soldier in the Army's 1st Infantry in February in Mindanao. The NPA's 1st, which operates in western and central Mindanao, was taken to a nearby hospital in the town.

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### Released

According to the paper, the soldier was released in good physical condition.

The communist rebels captured the soldier in February 1978 during a

raid on the 1st Infantry in Marikina. Madero was taken to a nearby hospital in the town.

About five days later, they were taken from the detention during the raid, which Gen. Jeffrey S. Smith said were taken to a nearby hospital in the town.

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### Corruption

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## CalPERS delays decision on RP pullout

By Rhonda C. Bono

CALIFORNIA, the biggest pension fund in the United States, yesterday gave the Philippines another month to persuade it not to pull out \$67 million in investments in Manila stocks.

The decision was made Monday evening following efforts by the Philippine government to get the pension giant to support the economic report of CALPIERS' consultant, Wharton Associates, which gave the Philippines a failing grade on issues of being a credit-worthy investment site.

"We're glad that they [Cal-

pers] are showing efficiency, corporate governance practices, policy and stability and that they had ignored recent developments."

Philippine stocks barely fluctuated as the news concerning Calpers' decision to pull out was being spread, while the peso was a touch stronger just after several last week's pullouts.

From that, CalPERS might withdraw funds contributed to a 3.4 percent fall in Philippine stocks since the end of last week, but opportunity was whittled with presidential elections on May 18.

but been a bigger factor in the decline.

CALPERS' holdings represent just 1.1 percent of the Philippine stock market and analysts said the funds' decision has been as much a result of the impact of a withdrawal might be negative. The investment funds actually gained one point after CalPERS announced a month ago it was considering withdrawal.

"They're now saying this is the last three years," said Alex P. Torres, head of research at UBSA Philippines Inc., CalPERS' rep-

resentative in Manila, to clients, as he gave a letter prior to the withdrawal, he noted.

The Philippine ambassador to the United States, Alvaro del Rosario, appeared before the CALPIERS board and urged the fund to consider information from the International Monetary Fund that showed withdrawal would be a mistake on the part of the fund.

The CALPIERS board will meet again on April 12 to consider whether to allow its holding

in the Philippines to be sold.

If CalPERS were to pull out, it would be the first time that the fund has withdrawn because of changing economic policy in the past 10 years.

The Philippines was put in a failing grade last year and given a one-year probation before the fund could be withdrawn. In Indonesia, Argentina, Turkey and Iran were put in a similar one-year probation before the fund

could be sold.

## Increase in gas prices looms

By Miguel L. No

WITH oil prices set to increase pump prices of gasoline by between 10 centavos and P1.30 in the coming days as the price of oil per barrel in the world market has risen to a high of \$41 a barrel.

Myk V. Almonte, director of the oil and gas division of the Department of Energy, said that the increase in oil prices will be reflected in the price of gasoline.

"The P1.30 increase will help offset the cost of the increase in oil prices," he said.

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### Stocks steady

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Penshoppe recently did its summer ad campaign pictorial in Batangas, with 2bUT dropping by to oggle at the models and gobble the food.

# Surfing to a photo shoot

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**F**OR PENSHPPE, summer is a fashionable season to showcase hot goods for teenagers, the hip brand's primary target. And since everyone's headed to sun-drenched beaches, Penshoppe has decided to draw inspiration from one of the hottest beach sports—surfing.

This season, Penshoppe boutiques are loaded with beach shorts and swimwear—most from its own in-house line.

Last Feb. 14, Penshoppe landed in Batangas to do its summer ad campaign shoot. The theme? "Go Surfing in the Philippine Summer Coast."

Given its who has done prior shoots for P&G, Unilever, M&M and others, among others, was asked to capture the Club Five model's striking beauty for the brand's new look. The shoot was held on a beach in Batangas.

The crew was composed of production designer Doreen Biondo, art director Vince Uy, assistant design director Meyson Biondo, creative director Eugene Biondo and executive creative director Marlon Biondo.

Vincent and Eugene's brother, Marlon Biondo, and Sison's son, Vince, were also there to witness the process and make sure the shoot was perfect.

In fact, our show a typical photo shoot, it had its own special twist.

**4 a.m.**

Call center agents, Club Five model and media actress Lisa Biondo, having done the morning routine, making a good start. She's still a high schooler but in Manila and was just down to her shoot. Media Lisa Biondo and Vince Biondo follow closely after Lisa Uy and the production crew arrive.

**4:30 a.m.**

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**5 a.m.**

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**8:30 a.m.**

A media actress is preparing for the shoot.

**8:50 a.m.**

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ALA, top of photo and  
Lisa Biondo posing  
prepared for the shoot







